

UTAH BOARD OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

MEETING NOTES

Committee:	Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Committee
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Date:	Thursday May 20, 2010	Time:	10:00 – 11:30 am	Place:	State Capitol East Senate Building, Spruce Room
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Members Present	Judge Larry Jones, Pat Berckman, Kris Shaw, Debbie Rocha, Maria Garciaz, Manuel Romero, Shirlee Silversmith, Judge Leslie Brown, Jerry Oler
Members Excused	Judge Michael D. DiReda, Det. Trudy Cropper, Narda Beas-Nordell, Salvador Mendez, Holly Martak, Debra Charleston, Russ Van Vleet
Members Absent	
Staff & Guest	Cuong Nguyen and Reg Garff

Agenda Item 1:	Welcome/Introductions – Pat Berckman
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pat Berkman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Pat asked for review of the minutes and approval. Debbie Rocha motioned to approve the April 15, 2010 meeting minutes; Kris Shaw seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 2:	Troubled Youth Conference – Attendees
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conference attendees shared their experience with the Subcommittee. Among DMC members attended were Salvador Mendez and Shirlee Silversmith. Reg Garff and Cuong Nguyen were also in the attendance. DMC Chair Pat Berckman, Kris Shaw, and Debbie Rocha were member of the conference’s organizing committee. The theme for the conference was “A New Decade, New Possibilities.” Keynote speaker was Dr. Pat Cooper talked about “There is life after Test – Before.” Breakout sessions included broad range of topics for therapists, school teachers, youth workers and administrators. This two days annual conference attracted over 700 attendees across the state and partially sponsored by the Utah Board of Juvenile Justice. Two national finalist of the 2010 “Do the Write Thing” were recognized during the last day luncheon of the conference. Manuel Romero suggested how to engage community and get involve at such conference as the Troubled Youth. Manuel emphasized the important of parent and community involvement besides professionally discussing about it. Other ideas include how these programs can tailor toward the diversity population and how to institutionalize effective programs discussed at the conference. Pat Berckman recognized Manuel as well as the Subcommittee suggestions and will share those at the conference’s organizing committee.

Agenda Item 3:	POST – Progress Report – Debbie Rocha
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debbie Rocha reported that pilot program is already done. Principal contractor is scheduled to update at our June 17, 2010 meeting.

Agenda Item 4 & 5:	Racial Data Entry and Foreign Born Policy – Jerry Oler
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Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Racial Data Entry: Jerry Oler reported the 2009 Racial Missing Data which suggested a high percentage of missing data. Statewide averaged about 20% missing data and broke down into 8 jurisdictions. Jerry also reported that the Subcommittee will most likely get an annual update rather than quarterly as previously stated. Judge Larry E. Jones asked whether the data include child welfare and delinquency. It was unknown but Jerry will check with the Court for clarification. Judge Jones suggested that the Subcommittee should only look at delinquent cases and it's unacceptable for such high percentage of missing data. Judge Jones asked for what reasons that causes for non-report, training, personnel or combination of both. The issue should be addressed otherwise we would be look at a very bad data. Jerry will check the data with the court. • Foreign Born Policy: Jerry Oler shared the current Foreign Born Policy which require update. The Probation Chiefs are in charge of making suggestions and make recommendation to the State Judicial Council. Jerry seeks Subcommittee's input regarding this issue. Few members, including Judge Larry Jones and Kris Shaw will speak individually with Jerry for this policy.
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Agenda Item 6:	DMC Report – Cuong Nguyen
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY09 RRI Data were postponed until next meeting due to time constrain.

Agenda Item 7:	Others – All
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debbie Rocha raised the question of how to set agenda? Maria Garcia asked that the DMC Subcommittee is doing important work but asked how to effectively report to UBJJ other than the regular update during the meeting? For example, we have such good data but reporting it alone will not catch people's attention. If we can show how these data has an effect on people's life then we will have greater success in generating support for our work. Suggested option included setting few item on the agenda and allow time for in-depth discussion at the Subcommittee level rather than break into smaller working group. Cuong will discuss this with the DMC Chair, UBJJ Chair, and Reg Garff regarding these recommendations and report the Subcommittee. • There were questions regarding membership and who should be represented on the Subcommittee? Judge Leslie Brown suggested to look at the list and also review the UBJJ Board on attendance policy and discussed at our next meeting.

The next meetings are scheduled for Thursday June 17, 2010, State Capitol, East Senate Building, Spruce Room